



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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## MINUTES

October 9-10, 2002

### Regular Meeting

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
City Council Chamber  
1900 Lake Tahoe Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe, CA

### Closed Session

Lahontan Regional Board Office  
2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard  
South Lake Tahoe, CA

Chair Jack Clarke called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. on October 9, 2002. The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:41 p.m.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

William Betterley, Hesperia  
John Brissenden, Hope Valley  
Jack Clarke, Apple Valley  
Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D., Lancaster  
Claudette Roberts, Palmdale  
Eric Sandel, P.E. Truckee

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

### LEGAL COUNSEL

Eric Spiess, State Water Resources Control Board

### STAFF PRESENT

Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer  
Robert S. Dodds, Assistant Executive Officer  
Hisam Baqai, Supervising WRCE, South Lahontan Watersheds Division  
Chuck Curtis, Supervising WRCE, Planning and Toxics Division  
Lauri Kemper, Supervising WRCE, Northern Lahontan Watersheds Division  
Alan Miller, Senior WRCE, Carson/Walker Watershed  
Doug Smith, Engineering Geologist, Lake Tahoe Watershed  
Bud Amorfini, Environmental Scientist, TMDL Unit  
Mary Fiore-Wagner, Environmental Scientist, Lake Tahoe Watershed

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Dave Roberts, Environmental Scientist, TMDL Unit  
Anne Sutherland, Engineering Geologist, TMDL Unit  
Jack Landy, EPA/IP, TMDL Unit  
Pamela S. Walker, Administrative Officer  
Marietta L. Christoffersen, Office Technician

**ADDRESSING THE BOARD**

John Reuter, University of California at Davis  
Geoff Schladow, University of California at Davis

**1. CLOSED SESSION**

Board members met in closed session on October 9 from 3:41 p.m. to 5:02 p.m. to discuss Item k. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).

The Board reconvened to open session at 5:03 p.m. and the afternoon meeting adjourned.

**Regular Meeting, Continued**  
**7:00 p.m., October 9, 2002**

Chair Jack Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: William Betterley, John Brissenden, Eugene Nebeker, Ph.D., Claudette Roberts and Eric Sandel, P.E.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

No one addressed the Board during the Public Forum.

**3. ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

Item #7 was postponed to the January 8-9, 2003 meeting.

**Motion:** Moved by William Betterley, seconded by John Brissenden and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Uncontested Calendar as amended.

**4. MINUTES**

**Motion:** Moved by Eric Sandel, seconded by Claudette Roberts and **unanimously carried** to adopt the April, June and July minutes as proposed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 6. *Workshop-General WDRs for Small Construction Projects, Including Utility, Public Works and minor Streambed/Lakebed Alteration Projects in the Lahontan Region Excluding the Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit***



Bud Amorfini, Environmental Scientist, provided an overview of the draft General Permit that included:

- Construction activities covered under the permit
- Application process

The Board provided feedback to staff in the following areas:

- Outreach Education through Workshops
- Application form
- BMPs

## 9. **Presentation on the Lake Tahoe Clarity Model by University of California at Davis**

Dave Roberts, Environmental Scientist, began the presentation by explaining how the Clarity Model will be used in developing the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

Dr. John Reuter from the Tahoe Research Group at the University of California at Davis (UCD) gave his presentation and discussed:

- Past and current research funding
- What is contributing to the significant decline in the clarity of Lake Tahoe
- TMDL objectives
- Collaboration between various agencies essential for success in determining the amount of pollutant reductions necessary to meet water quality standards and how the reduction will be achieved

Dr. Geoff Schladow from the UCDs Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering described the Lake Tahoe Clarity Model and how this information will be useful to the Regional Board in establishing the TMDL numeric targets for sediment and nutrient loads for achieving the lake clarity standard.

Dave Roberts, Dr. Reuter and Dr. Schladow responded to questions by Dr. Nebeker.

## 11 **Executive Officer's Report**

Harold Singer covered the following items from the written report:

- Item #8 IMC Chemicals Inc., (IMCC) - IMCC is not actively pursuing beneficial use designation changes to the Basin Plan. Permitting issues and regulatory issues are on going.
- Item #1 Bagley Valley – Overuse of the recreational area before restoration is stabilized is a concern. Limiting access and/or keeping the area closed are under consideration by the Department of Fish & Game.
- Item #2 Markleeville Creek Day
- Item#3 Leviathan Mine
- Item #4 Update on Squaw Valley Public Services District's Water Supply Well #3

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## Other issues:

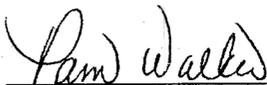
- Canceling the November Board meeting was recommended. The proposed November items, Antelope Valley Storage Project, Victor Valley Waste Reclamation Authority and Booth Creek Ski Holdings/Trimont Land Company; Northstar-at-Tahoe Shaeffer's Camp Restaurant, are not ready to come before the Board. Board members agreed with the recommendation.  
The northern and southern locations of the upcoming WQCC meeting were discussed. Board members concurred with the proposed 2003 meeting schedule.
- Budget – Statewide there was a staffing reduction of 7,000 positions. The State and Regional Boards lost 130 vacant positions. Reductions occurred in the DoD, WDR, and Chapter 15 Programs. The Above Ground Storage Tank Program was abolished statewide.
- The Governor vetoed a bill prohibiting the disposal of decommissioned radioactive wastes to municipal landfills. The Department of Health Services will evaluate the potential impact this type of material will have to various disposals. In the interim, the Regional Board's have been asked to suspend the ability of landfills to accept this type of waste.
- Each year since the President visited Lake Tahoe, an Annual Federal Event has been held. This year Senator Feinstein will host the event scheduled for October 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Various state agencies will participate, highlighting their contribution to the overall improvement of Lake Tahoe.

**10. Reports by Chair and Board Members**

There were no reports from the Chair or Board members.

There being no further business to come before the Lahontan Regional Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Prepared by:



Pam Walker, Administrative Officer

Adopted: January 8, 2003

